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Pioneer Life: The Blacksmith

In pioneer times, the blacksmith was an important person in the village. Without him, the stagecoach would not run because the horses would not have horseshoes. In fact, there would be no means of transportation at all without the blacksmith.

The blacksmith kept the fire going in his fireplace all day and all night long. He needed a strong fire to bend the iron that he used to make horseshoes and the frames for wagonwheels.

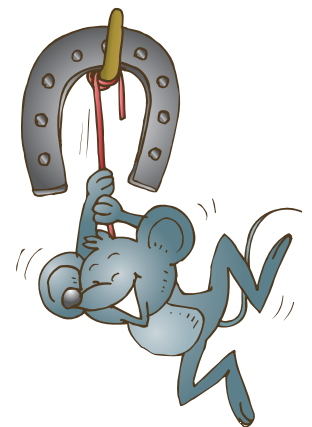
The blacksmith was also important to the gristmill, in which the grains would be ground into flour for the homemade bread and cereals. The baking pots and irons used to warm the beds on chilly nights were also made by the blacksmith.

Many of the tools used by the pioneers were forged in the blacksmith's shop: the handsaw, the hammer, and the auger.

If a village didn't have its own blacksmith, the people would go outside to another village to find one.

- A. There are eleven compound words in the passage. Write them on the lines below.**

A compound word is a word that is made up of two other words. For example, "inside" is made up of "in" and "side".



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B. Draw lines to join the words on the left to those on the right to form compound words.

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| 1. stage | • | smith |
| 2. with | • | mill |
| 3. out | • | place |
| 4. home | • | out |
| 5. fire | • | coach |
| 6. black | • | wheels |
| 7. grist | • | shoes |
| 8. saw | • | made |
| 9. hand | • | mill |
| 10. horse | • | side |
| 11. water | • | saw |
| 12. wagon | • | wheels |

Can you think of another pioneer compound word?

13. _____